

Talb. Dare yee come forth, and meet vs in the field?
Pucell. Belike your Lordship takes vs then for fooles,
To try if that our owne be ours, or no.

Talb. I speake not to that rayling *Hecate*,
But vnto thee *Alanson*, and the rest.

Will ye, like Souldiours, come and fight it out?
Alans. Seignior no.

Talb. Seignior hang: base Muleters of France,
Like Pefant foot-Boyes doe they keepe the Walls,
And dare not take vp Armes, like Gentlemen.

Pucell. Away Captaines, let's get vs from the Walls,
For *Talbot* meanes no goodnesse by his Lookes,
God b'uy my Lord, we came but to tell you
That wee are here. *Exeunt from the Walls.*

Talb. And there will we be too, ere it be long,
Or else reproach be *Talbots* greatest fame.
Vow *Burgonie*, by honor of thy Houle,
Prickt on by publike Wrongs sustain'd in France,
Either to get the Towne againe, or dye.
And I, as sure as English *Henry* liues,
And as his Father here was Conqueror;
As sure as in this late betrayed Towne,
Great *Cordelians* Heart was buried;
So sure I sweare, to get the Towne, or dye.

Burg. My Vowes are equall partners with thy
Vowes.

Talb. But ere we goe, regard this dying Prince,
The valiant Duke of Bedford: Come my Lord,
We will bestow you in some better place,
Fitter for sicknesse, and for crasie age.

Bedf. Lord *Talbot*, doe not so dishonour me:
Here will I sit, before the Walls of Roan,
And will be partner of your weale or woe.

Burg. Courageous *Bedford*, let vs now perswade you.

Bedf. Not to be gone from hence: for once I read,
That stout *Pendragon*, in his Litter sick,
Came to the field, and vanquished his foes.
Me thinkes I should reuiue the Souldiours hearts,
Because I euer found them as my selfe.

Talb. Vndaunted spirit in a dying breast,
Then be it so: Heauens keepe old *Bedford* safe.
And now no more adoe, braue *Burgonie*,
But gather we our Forces out of hand,
And set vpon our boasting Enemie. *Exit.*

*An Alarum: Excursions. Enter Sir Iohn
Falstaffe, and a Capitaine.*

Capt. Whither away Sir *Iohn Falstaffe*, in such haste?

Falst. Whither away? to saue my selfe by flight,
We are like to haue the ouerthrow againe.

Capt. What? will you flye, and leaue Lord *Talbot*?

Falst. I, all the *Talbots* in the World, to saue my life.

Capt. Cowardly Knight, ill fortune follow thee. *Exit.*

*Retreat. Excursions. Pucell, Alanson, and
Charles flye.*

Bedf. Now quiet Soule, depart when Heauen please,
For I haue seene our Enemies ouerthrow.
What is the trust or strength of foolish man?
They that of late were daring with their scoffes,
Are glad and faine by flight to saue themselves.
Bedford dyes, and is carryed in by two in his Chaire.

*An Alarum. Enter Talbot, Burgonie, and
the rest.*

Talb. Lost, and recovered in a day againe,
This is a double Honor, *Burgonie*:
Yet Heauens haue glory for this Victorie.

Burg. Warlike and Martiall *Talbot*, *Burgonie*
Infringes thee in his heart, and there erects
Thy noble Deeds, as Valors Monuments.

Talb. Thanks gentle Duke: but where is *Pucell* now?
I thinke her old Familiar is asleepe.

Now where's the Bastards braues, and *Charles* his glikes?
What all amout? Roan hangs her head for griefe,
That such a valiant Company are fled.

Now will we take some order in the Towne,
Placing therein some expert Officers,
And then depart to Paris, to the King,

For there young *Henry* with his Nobles lye.
Burg. What wills Lord *Talbot*, pleasest *Burgonie*.

Talb. But yet before we goe, let's not forget
The Noble Duke of Bedford, late deceas'd,
But fee his Exequies fulfill'd in Roan.
A brauer Souldier neuer couched Launce,
A gentler Heart did neuer sway in Court.
But Kings and mightiest Potentates must die,
For that's the end of humane miserie. *Exeunt.*

Scena Tertia.

Enter Charles, Bastard, Alanson, Pucell.

Pucell. Dismay not (Princes) at this accident,
Nor grieve that Roan is so recovered:

Care is no cure, but rather corrosiue,
For things that are not to be remedy'd.

Let frantike *Talbot* triumph for a while,
And like a Peacock sweepe along his tayle,

Wee'll pull his Plumes, and take away his Trayne,
If Dolphin and the rest will be but rul'd.

Charles. We haue been guided by thee hitherto,
And of thy Cunning had no diffidence,

One sudden Foyle shall neuer breed distrust.
Bastard. Search out thy wit for secret pollicies,

And we will make thee famous through the World.
Alans. Wee'll set thy Statue in some holy place,

And haue thee reuerenc'd like a blessed Saint.
Employ thee then, sweet Virgin, for our good.

Pucell. Then thus it must be, this doth *Joane* deuise:
By faire perswasions, mixt with sugred words,

We will entice the Duke of *Burgonie*
To leaue the *Talbot*, and to follow vs.

Charles. I marry Sweeting, if we could doe that,
France were no place for *Henries* Warriors,

Nor should that Nation boast it so with vs,
But be extirped from our Prouinces.

Alans. For euer should they be expuls'd from France,
And not haue Title of an Earldome here.

Pucell. Your Honors shall perceiue how I will worke,
To bring this matter to the wished end.

Drumme sounds a farre off.
Hearke, by the sound of Drumme you may perceiue
Their Powers are marching vnto Paris-ward.

Here sound an English March.
There goes the *Talbot*, with his Colours spread,
And all the Troupes of English after him. *French*

French March.

Now in the Rereward comes the Duke and his:
Fortune in fauor makes him lagge behinde.
Summon a Parley, we will talke with him.

Trumpets sound a Parley.

Charles. A Parley with the Duke of *Burgonie*?
Burg. Who craues a Parley with the *Burgonie*?

Pucell. The Princely *Charles* of France, thy Countrey-
man.

Burg. What say'st thou *Charles*? for I am marching
hence.

Charles. Speake *Pucell*, and enchaunt him with thy
words.

Pucell. Braue *Burgonie*, vndoubted hope of France,
Stay, let thy humble Hand-maid speake to thee.

Burg. Speake on, but be not ouer-tedious.
Pucell. Look on thy Countrey, look on fertile France,

And see the Cities and the Townes defact,
By wasting Ruine of the cruell Foe,

As looks the Mother on her lowly Babe,
When Death doth close his tender-dying Eyes,

See, see the pining Maladie of France:
Behold the Wounds, the most vnnaturall Wounds,

Which thou thy selfe hast given her wofull Brest.
Oh turne thy edged Sword another way,

Strike those that hurt, and hurt not those that helpe:
One drop of Blood drawne from thy Countreys Bosome,

Should grieve thee more then streames of forraigne gore.
Returne thee therefore with a flood of Teares,

And wash away thy Countreys stayned Spots.
Burg. Either she hath bewitcht me with her words,

Or Nature makes me suddenly relent.
Pucell. Besides, all French and France exclaimes on thee,

Doubting thy Birth and lawfull Progenie.
Who ioy'n'st thou with, but with a Lordly Nation,

That will not trust thee, but for profits sake?
When *Talbot* hath set footing once in France,

And fashion'd thee that Instrument of Ill,
Who then, but English *Henry*, will be Lord,

And thou be thrust out, like a Fugitiue?
Call we to minde, and marke but this for prooffe:

Was not the Duke of Orleans thy Foe?
And was he not in England Prisoner?

But when they heard he was thine Enemie,
They set him free, without his Ransome pay'd,

In spight of *Burgonie* and all his friends.
See then, thou fight'st against thy Countreymen,

And ioy'n'st with them will be thy slaughter-men.
Come, come, returne; returne thou wandering Lord,

Charles and the rest will take thee in their armes.
Burg. I am vanquished:

These haughtie wordes of hers
Haue batt' red me like roaring Cannon-shot,

And made me almost yeeld vpon my knees.
Forgiue me Countrey, and sweet Countreymen:

And Lords accept this heartie kind embrace.
My Forces and my Power of Men are yours.

So farwell *Talbot*, Ile no longer trust thee.
Pucell. Done like a Frenchman: turne and turne a-
gain.

Charles. Welcome braue Duke, thy friendship makes
vs freeth.

Bastard. And doth beget new Courage in our
Breasts.

Alans. *Pucell* hath brauely play'd her part in this,
And doth deferue a Coronet of Gold.

Charles. Now let vs on, my Lords,
And ioyne our Powers,
And seeke how we may preiudice the Foe. *Exeunt.*

Scena Quarta.

*Enter the King, Gloucester, Winchester, York, Suffolke,
Somerfet, Warwicke, Exeter: To them, with
his Souldiours, Talbot.*

Talb. My gracious Prince, and honorable Peeres,
Hearing of your arriual in this Realme,
I haue a while giuen Truce vnto my Warres,
To doe my dutie to my Soueraigne.
In signe whereof, this Arme, that hath reclaym'd
To your obedience, fittie Fortresses,
Twelue Cities, and seuen walled Townes of strength,
Beside fife hundred Prisoners of esteeme;
Lets fall his Sword before your Highnesse feet:
And with submissiue loyaltie of heart
Ascribes the Glory of his Conquest got,
First to my God, and next vnto your Grace.

King. Is this the Lord *Talbot*, Vnckle *Gloucester*,
That hath so long bene resident in France?

Glouc. Yes, it please your Maiestie, my Liege.

King. Welcome braue Capitaine, and victorious Lord:
When I was young (as yet I am not old)

I doe remember how my Father said,
A stouter Champion neuer handled Sword,

Long since we were resolu'd of your truth,
Your faithfull seruice, and your toyle in Warre:

Yet neuer haue you tasted our Reward,
Or benee reguerdon'd with so much as Thanks,

Because till now, we neuer saw your face.
Therefore stand vp, and for these good desertes,

We here create you Earle of Shrewsbury,
And in our Coronation take your place.

Senet. Flourish. Exeunt.

Manet Vernon and Basset.

Vern. Now Sir, to you that were so hot at Sea,
Disgracing of these Colours that I weare,

In honor of my Noble Lord of *Yorke*:
Dar'st thou maintaine the former words thou spak'st?

Bass. Yes Sir, as well as you dare patronage
The enuious barking of your sawcie Tongue,

Against my Lord the Duke of *Somerfet*.
Vern. Sirrha, thy Lord I honour as he is.

Bass. Why, what is he? as good a man as *Yorke*.
Vern. Hearke ye: not so: in witnesse take ye that.

Bass. Villaine, thou knowest
The Law of Armes is such,

That who so drawes a Sword, 'tis present death,
Or else this Blow should broach thy dearest Bloud.

But Ile vnto his Maiestie, and craue,
I may haue libertie to venge this Wrong,

When thou shalt see, Ile meet thee to thy cost.
Vern. Well miscreant, Ile be there as soone as you,

And after meete you, sooner then you would.
Exeunt.